

Wormsloe Plantation and Fort Wymberley
Isle of Hope
Chatham County, Georgia

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FORT WYMBERLY
Wormsloe Plantation
Isle of Hope, Chatham County
Georgia

Owner: Wymerley Jones DeRenne.

Date of Erection: Between 17³/₃ and 1741.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Ruins.

Number of Stories: Not known.

Materials of Construction: Tabby.

Other Existing Records: See text. see Knight, L.L., Georgia's Landmarks, Memorials and Legends, vol.1, chapter xvii.
Also illustration shown.

Additional Data: See following pages.

Note: Photograph entitled, "Fort Wymerly - West", is shown on page 286 of Gardens of Colony and State, vol. 2. Photograph entitled, "Fort Wymerly - North", is shown on page 19 of Garden History of Georgia.

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HISTORICAL NOTES:

"Wormsloe" was a grant in 1733 of eight hundred acres of land to Captain Noble Jones from the Trustees of the Georgia Colony. As such, it is the oldest estate in Georgia.

For the protection of Skiddoway Narrows a Manchecolas fort or stockade was built of wood soon after 1733. Captain Jones garrisoned it with his marines. The tabby ruins shown in the photographs are all that is left of a second fort, built before 1741, on the site of the stockade.

Captain Jones leased the land about the fort and planted white mulberry trees for the silkworm culture. The property is now owned by the DeRenne family, of the fifth generation from Captain Jones, the original patentee.

Sources: Gardens of Colony and State vol.2, and Garden History of Georgia.

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